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of prior Application No. 09/244,184, filed February 4, 1999.

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 10 pages.
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- ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application.
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney (including 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, if applicable).
- ☐ sheets of drawings (formal) plus one copy.
- ☐ Microfiche computer program (Appendix).
- ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission, including:
  - ☐ Computer readable copy ☐ Paper Copy ☐ Verified Statement.
- ☐ Under PTO-1595 cover sheet, an assignment of the invention.
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- ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
  - ☐ was filed in the prior non-provisional application, and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a));
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- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and cited references.
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